released on 15th July, 2006, the production of foodgrains stands at 208.30 million tonnes during 2005-06 as compared to 198.36 million tonnes in 2004-05, showing an increase of 5.01 per cent.

The estimated production of foodgrains at 208.30 million tonnes in 2005-06 is less than the target of 215.00 million tonnes due to deficient rains and abnormal rise in temperature in February, 2006 in some major growing States. As against the target of 225.10 million tonnes of foodgrains production during 2004-05, actual production was 198.36 million tonnes.

Growth Rate of Rice and Wheat

1814. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of rice and wheat in the year 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is showing a downward trend;

(c) the names of the States where this trend is upward during these years; and

(d) the measures Government propose to take for enhancing the growth rate of rice and wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Following table shows the growth rates of rice and wheat at the all India level in the years 2003-04 to 2005-06;

Crop	Growth Rate of Production (%)		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Rice	23.3	-6.1	9.5
Wheat	9.7	-4.9	1.2

The growth rates of prodcution of both rice and wheat declined during 2004-05, the year in which rainfall was 13% less than the normal.

(c) The names of the States where the trend of growth rates of production of rice and wheat for the years 2003-04 to 2005-06 is upward are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(d) For increasing the growth rates of rice and wheat through improved crop production technologies under specific crop-based system, Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Rice and Wheat under the scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) are under implementation in the country as Centrally sponsored scheme. Under this scheme assistance is provided for various inputs and training of farmers/extension workers as well as supply of critical inputs like seeds, sprayers and water saving devices like sprinklers and drip systems etc.

Statement

Growth rates of production of rice and wheat from 2003-04 to 2005-06 in major States of India

Growth Rates of Production of Rice in Major States

(Per Cent)

State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Andhra Pradesh	22.2	7.2	21.8
Uttar Pradesh	35.7	-26.6	16.5
Orissa	105.5	-4.0	4.4
Tamil Nadu	-9.9	57.1	21.0
Chhattisgarh	111.3	-21.3	14.3
Karnataka	6.7	39.1	22.7
Bihar	7.1	-54.6	38.2
Maharashtra	52.9	-23.7	12.4
Madhya Pradesh	69.6	-33.2	41.7
Gujarat	135.7	-3.0	7.5
ALL INDIA	23.3	-6.1	9.5

Growth Rates of Production of Wheat in Major States

(Per Cent)

State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4
Uttar Pradesh	8.3	-11.9	4.7
Rajasthan	20.5	-2.9	2.8
Bihar	-8.7	-11.5	12.2
Gujarat	137.7	-11.3	37.0
Maharashtra	-20.9	30.6	42.9
All India	9.7	-4.9	1.2

Package to farmers

†1815. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demands for granting package to the farmers on the pattern of farmers of Vidarbha district in Maharashtra have been received from other State Governments of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such States alongwith the details of amount demanded for the package by each State; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Proposals for granting package to the farmers on the pattern of farmers of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra have been received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala. Details are given below:

Name of State	Total amount of assistance demanded (in Rs. crore)
Andhra Pradesh	51856.36
Karnataka	6903.80
Kerala	1748.64

(c) The Government is finalizing the package in respect of these three States.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.